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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

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9 United States of America,

10 Plaintiff,

MAGISTRATE NO. 08-00161M-001

11 v.

12 Ramon Ramirez-Saldana,

**Order Re: Extending Time to Indict**

13 Defendant.

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15 HAVING considered Defendant Ramon Ramirez-Saldana's Motion to  
16 Extend Time and good cause having been shown;

17 THE COURT makes the following findings:

- 18 1. Counsel for defendant has only recently been appointed;
- 19 2. The defendant earnestly wishes to consider the plea offer extended by  
20 the government;
- 21 3. The defendant wishes to investigate possible defenses prior to  
22 considering the government's plea offer;
- 23 4. The government's plea offer, if accepted by the defendant and then the  
24 court, would likely reduce defendant's exposure to a significant term of  
25 imprisonment;
- 26 5. If the defendant does not timely accept the plea offer prior to indictment,  
27 the government will withdraw said plea offer and any subsequent plea  
offer after indictment would likely be less advantageous to the  
defendant;

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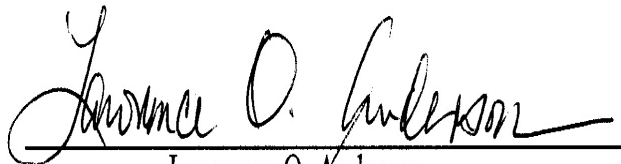
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6. Failure to extend time for indictment in this instance would thus operate to bar defendant from reviewing the government's plea offer in a meaningful way prior to indictment; and
7. The ends of justice served by this continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy indictment.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that defendant's Motion to Extend Time for Indictment requesting an extension of thirty (30) days within the government may seek to indict defendant, is hereby granted.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161, the Government shall have an extension of thirty (30) days to file a timely Indictment. Excludable time shall begin to run on the 31st day after arrest for a period of thirty (30) days in which the Government may present the case to the grand jury.

DATED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence O. Anderson", is written over a horizontal line.

Lawrence O. Anderson  
United States Magistrate Judge